

Harbor JC Sets Summer Registration

Six courses in the social science field will be offered during the Harbor College Summer Session, July 9 through Aug. 17.

Of special interest during an election year is the course in Political Science I. Among problems to be considered by the class are the structure of political parties in California, important decisions of the Supreme Court regarding freedom of speech, press and religion, development of the Federal Constitution, and procedures of the Supreme Court.

This basic course in the principles and problems of local, state and national governments is acceptable for credit at Long Beach State and UCLA.

INSTRUCTORS will be Robert Dunn and Harold Garvin who teach the course during the regular term. One section meets from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday through Friday. The other meets 8 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

A course in Principles of Economics will be taught by

Gerald Eliot. History 11 and 12, the Political and Social History of the United States, will be taught by Don Rogan, Eliot, Dunn and Garvin.

GENERAL Psychology I will be taught by Dr. Ellen Erchul and Miss Loretta Newman. A course in Introduction to Sociology will be taught by Mr. Rogan.

Registration for summer courses will take place today and tomorrow, July 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and from 2 to 8 p.m. Any high school

Jack Parker Joins South LA Lions Club

Jack W. Parker, 5422 Sara Drive, was inducted into the South Los Angeles Lion's Club during brief ceremonies at the regular June meeting. Inducting officer for the ceremonies was Parker's sponsor, International Councilor Eddie Warren.

Parker is a former charter member and past president of the North Torrance Lions Club.

graduate or person over 18 years of age may sign up. Further information can be obtained by phoning or visiting Harbor College.

Eyes Often Give First Clue In Cases of Mongoloid Tots

The slanting eyes and flat nose of certain mentally retarded infants appeared to a British physician some 70 years ago to resemble the features of the Oriental.

Thus he coined the name "mongolism" for this affliction, and these unfortunate people have been called "Mongoloids." Other terms which have been suggested include "peristatic amentia" and "fetalism," but neither of them has become popular.

By any name, the Mongoloid in years past has had a hopeless affliction for which the cause and cure were unknown

Now, active research programs are bringing us closer to the knowledge which may lead to prevention.

THE EYES are often the first clue a physician has that a baby might be a Mongoloid. They appear to be far apart and somewhat slanted; and there is usually an extra fold of skin on the inside corner of the eyes. This causes the physician to look for other clues. The nose may be flat, exhibiting a saddle-like appearance, and the tongue often protrudes. A broad, short skull and thick, short

and trunk are frequent physical signs. The ears appear oddly shaped and not well developed, and an unusual crease sometimes extends across each palm.

Each of these physical signs alone can be found in normal persons, but it is the combination of physical signs, usually apparent in early infancy and frequently at birth, which indicates that a disturbance in growth took place before the baby was born.

MONGOLISM occurs in about one out of every 600 to 700 births. Many parents who have

Mongoloid children have had normal babies before, and many have normal babies afterwards. It is extremely rare that parents will have more than one Mongoloid baby. Studies also show that the chance of having a Mongoloid baby increases if the mother is over 35 years of age.

There are many theories about what causes the growth disturbance that results in mongolism but, as yet, no one really knows what these causes are. Some of the latest research shows, however, that the body cells of these babies have 47 chromosomes instead of the 46 which are standard for human beings.

Chromosomes are life threads within each cell which carry the still smaller "genes" of heredity, such as eye color, body build, and hair coloring. It is this unusual pattern of chromosomes found in Mongoloids which makes some believe that these babies were different long before they were born and perhaps from the very beginning of their development.

AS YET no way of preventing mongolism is known and there is no known cure. By the time the condition shows itself in a newborn baby, there is no way to correct it because the brain cells and other parts of the body which have been affected by disturbance in their early growth cannot be replaced. To put it another way, we might say that these are children who never grow.

Knowing that a baby is Mongoloid and understanding what this means are important to everyone concerned. For the baby, it means that the chances are greater that he will get the right kind of care sooner. For the parents it means that they can begin earlier to make the adjustments that have to be made if they are to be able to accept the fact that their child is "different." The sooner parents of a Mongoloid child can see their baby as he is, and as he will be, the better.

MANY OF THE problems which frequently occur with Mongoloid babies can be prevented if parents know early what to look for and expert. These babies do not fight infections well, so regular check-ups by the physician are especially important. He will want to watch infections which may be minor or unimportant in normal, healthy, children much more closely in these babies. He'll want to pay closer attention to the baby's heart and eyes, because many Mongoloids have heart and eye defects as a part of their unfortunate condition.

Understanding about mongolism early can help explain some of the things which worry or puzzle many parents of these babies. Remember, parents of a Mongoloid baby are not alone. Each year, parents of "children who never grow" can get a great deal of satisfaction out of helping their child develop to the fullest the abilities he has.

A pamphlet giving additional information on mongolism will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Division of Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

Social Dance Classes Set at Alondra Park

Social dance classes will be offered again at Alondra Regional Park, 3850 Manhattan Beach Blvd. for adults this summer.

Classes for advanced intermediates, 18 years and older, will be on Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m. Variations of the Fox Trot, Waltz, Swing, Cha Cha, and Rhumba will be taught.

Classes for intermediates will be on Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. Review of the Fox Trot, Waltz, Swing, and Cha Cha plus variations on these steps will be taught.

Al Fonseca, assisted by Miss Wendy Clark, will instruct these classes, which will run for six weeks. Classes begin this week. Additional information is available at Alondra Regional Park at Davis 3-8125.

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